

**Introduced by Senator Berryhill**  
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An act to add Section 3032 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to entitlements.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 752, as introduced, Berryhill. Hunting entitlements: voluntary donations.

Existing law requires each person who takes birds or mammals in California to apply for, and be granted, a hunting license. Existing law authorizes specified persons to obtain tags or stamps for the taking of specific animals or aquatic species, if certain requirements are met.

This bill would require that a person to whom a hunting license, permit, reservation, tag, or other entitlement is issued pursuant to the Automated License Data System have the opportunity at the time of issuance to make a voluntary donation, or release contact information, or both, to eligible nonprofit organizations, as defined, through means of a check-off box, or through other means the department determines to be appropriate. The bill would require the department to annually transmit collected donation revenues and contact information to the designated eligible nonprofit organization. The bill would authorize the department, in order to cover its direct administrative costs, to impose a charge on an eligible nonprofit organization for a reasonable percentage of the total annual donations collected for the organization.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 3032 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

3032. (a) A person to whom a hunting license, permit, reservation, tag, or other entitlement is issued pursuant to the Automated License Data System shall have the opportunity at the time of issuance to make a voluntary donation, or release contact information, or both, to eligible nonprofit organizations through means of a check-off box, or through other means the department determines to be appropriate.

(b) A nonprofit organization seeking to receive donations or contact information pursuant to this section shall annually submit a letter to the department providing evidence that it meets the definition of an eligible nonprofit organization as set forth in subdivision (e). If the department determines that the nonprofit organization is eligible, it shall include the nonprofit organization in the check-off box or other means determined pursuant to subdivision (a).

(c) The department shall annually transmit donation revenues and contact information collected pursuant to subdivision (a) to the designated eligible nonprofit organization.

(d) In order to cover the direct administrative costs incident to implementing this section, the department may impose a charge on an eligible nonprofit organization for a reasonable percentage of the total annual donations collected for the organization pursuant to this section.

(e) As used in this section, “eligible nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit organization, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and determined to be eligible by the department that has goals and objectives directly related to the conservation and management of game species and primarily represents the interests of persons licensed pursuant to Section 3031.

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